I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (30 November - 07 December 2012)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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30/11/2012: A team of JA operators will be active as PJ5J from St. Eustatius (NA-145, WFF PAFF-025, WLOTA 1851) between 30 November and 12 December 2012. QRV on 160-10 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will participate in the ARRL 10m Contest (8-9 December) and possibly other contests during that period. The team plans on at least one station on the air for 24 hours a day. Two stations will have 500w amps and another will operate barefoot. Antennas will be verticals for the low bands (w/beverage) and a Spiderbeam for the higher bands. Operators mentioned are Takayuki JA1MZL, Yutaka JJ1LIB, Naoki JN1RVS, Hideyuki JJ1CBY, Katsu JA1DXA, Toshihiko JN1HOW and Isao JH1ROJ. QSL Manager will be Nao, JA1HGY (direct or JARL bureau). Logs will be updated daily to ClubLog and to LoTW after the operation. A OQRS will be available. Website: www.ndxa.net/pj5j/ [OPDX Bulletin]

01/12/2012: Gil, N2GG, will be active holiday style as C6AGG from Grand Bahama Island (NA-080, WLOTA 0527) on 1-13 December 2012. He will operate SSB and some CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via N2GG. [425 DX News]

01/12/2012: Robert, AK4BM, will once again be active from Green Turtle Cay (NA-080), Bahamas, as C6AGT between 1st December 2012 and the end of January 2013. A 10 metre beacon will be active during the day and C6AGT will be operating SSB and possibly Digital modes (PSK31 and JT65) during the evenings on various bands from 40m though 10m as conditions permit. Robert may also operate from unihabited islands around Green Turtle Cay using a low power transmitter (Yaesu 817nd) and wire antennas. Likely this will be on the 20m band. All cards will be returned with a photo QSL from the island upon his return. Please send them direct to his home call AK4BM. SASE/Green Stamps appreciated, but not required. [DX World]

01/12/2012: Fred, PA0FAW (ISWL Member, FISTS #9858) will be operating with the special call sign PG100NOM from 1-28 December 2012, mostly in CW and SSB with some Digital modes. He will once again be QRV from the De Hoge Veluwe National Park (WFF PAFF-005). There is now a 3 element beam for 20, 15 and 10, so Fred hopes more DX can be found. QSL is 100 percent and SWL reports are very welcome. See QRZ.com for details. [Pete at the DX Newsdesk]

02/12/2012: Look for "Buddies in the Caribbean" operators Scott J6/KA9P, Rob J6/N7QT, Hugh J6/W4VAB, Jerry J6/W5TDY, Ev J6/W6ABM, Bryan J6/WB8ISG, Budd J68FF (W3FF) and Guy J68UN (N7UN) to be active from Chateau Devaux, Cap Estate, island of St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA 1336) from 2-11 December 2012. This will be a mini-DXpedition style activity on 160m-10m with 3 stations. Expect ARRL 10m contest entry for J68UN. QSL route is direct to the individual operators home call and via LoTW. [DX World]

02/12/2012: The Hellenic Amateur Radio of Association of Australia (HARAOA) is organising a DXpedition to Campbell Island (OC-037, WFF ZLFF-019, WW Loc. RD47NL), New Zealand, from 2-9 December 2012. ZL9 Campbell Island NZ is number 15 on the current DXCC most wanted list. The ZL9HR DXpedition team will include Pista HA5AO, Dave K3EL, Gene K5GS, Glenn KE4KY, Don VE7DS, Tommy VK2IR, John

VK3YP, Les W2LK, John 9M6XRO and Jacky ZL3CW. QRV on 160-6 metres, all modes. QSL to EB7DX via direct, LoTW and bureau request via OQRS. Further information and updates will be posted on their website at: www.campbell2012.com/ [DX World]

03/12/2012: Andrea, IK1PMR and Claudia PA3LEO will be active from the island of Tenerife (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, EAA TF, Grid Loc. IL18), Canary Islands (AF-004) as EA8/homecalls between 3 December 2012 and 12 February 2013. They will be QRV on all HF bands, plus 6 metres. Andrea will focus on CW, while Claudia will focus on RTTY. QSL via home calls, bureau or direct and email requests. Website: www.ik1pmr.com/ [IK1PMR]

04/12/2012: Look for Ewald, DJ2BQ to be active from Namibia as V5/DJ2BQ between 4 December 2012 and 18 January 2013. He plans to be QRV on 80-10m RTTY. On 22 December he will be joined by Mathias, DJ2HD (V5/DJ2HD), Dietmar, DL3DXX (V5/DL3DXX) and Ulmar, DK1CE (V5/DK1CE). V5/DL3DXX will operate 160-10 metre CW and SSB, while V5/DK1CE will operate 160-10 metre CW until 2 January. V5/DJ2HD will operate 160-6m SSB and RTTY until 12 January 2013. QSL via home calls. QSL V5/DK1CE via DH3WO. [DX World]

04/12/2012: Haru, JA1XGI, has planned a DX vacation and will be active as V63XG from Yap Island (OC-012) between 4th and 12th December 2012. QRV on 40-6 metres, with focus on the WARC bands, using CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65. QSL via JA1XGI, bureau or direct. Yap, also known as Wa'ab by locals, is an island in the Caroline Islands of the western Pacific Ocean. It is located in Yap State of the Federated States of Micronesia (Grid Loc. PJ99). News and updates can be found at: ja1xgidxvacation.blogspot.com/ and island.geocities.jp/v63xg/index.htm [DX-World]

05/12/2012: XU1A will be reactivated - FGC (Foundation for Global Children) will make another DX-pedition to the Kingdom of Cambodia (XU) to support a vocational training center for persons with disabilities, especially tragic landmine victims. The center teaches skills such as repairing radio, TV and motorcycles so that they can become an active member of society and can be self-supported. This DX-pedition will be also some of the 1998 XU1A members? reunion. Team members include Zorro JH1AJT (team leader), Jay JA1TRC, Aki JA4EKO, Masaru JA5AQC, Champ E21EIC, Kazu JH1OGX and some others. QRV as XU1A from 5-17 December 2012 on 160-10m (hopefully 6m also) CW, SSB and the Digital modes. 2 x Yagi, DP and GPs. Three stations simultaneously, with focus on 160, 80, 75 metres. QSL direct to JH1AJT (see QRZ.com). [JA1TRC]

06/12/2012: Jim, KA3UNQ/p, will be active from numerous lighthouses in the Rhode Island State Island group (NA-031) between 6-9 December 2012. Thursday, December 6: 0800-1600z Travel from Mayland to Rhode Island. 1600-1800z Watch Hil l (ARLHS USA-872, Admiralty J0658). 1900-2100z Point Judith (ARLHS USA-625, Admiralty J0628). Both lighthouses are located in Washington county. Friday December 7: 1300-1500z Sakonnet Point (ARLHS USA-718, TWLHD WLH K-140, WLOTA 2782, USi RI006S). 1600-1800z Hog Island Shoal (ARLHS USA-373, TWLHD WLH K-077, WLOTA 1240), Musslebed Shoal (ARLHS USA-959, WLOTA 1155), Bristol Ferry (ARLHS USA-087). 1830-2030z Prudence Island (ARLHS USA-675, TWLHD WLH K-144, WLOTA 2994, USi RI008S). All lighthouses are located in Newport county. Saturday, December 8: 1300-1500 Goat Island (ARLHS USA-548, WLOTA 2367, USi RI003S), Rose Island (ARLHS USA-703, TWLHD WLH K-137, WLOTA 1164, USi RI004S), Gull Rocks (ARLHS USA-362). 1600-1800z Ida Lewis/Lime Rock (ARLHS USA-398, USi RI006S) 1900-2100z Brenton Reef (ARLHS USA-082, USi RI006S), Brenton Reef L/V (ARLHS USA-1129). All lighthouses are located in Newport county. Sunday, December 9: 1300-1500z Beavertail, Conanicut Island (ARLHS USA-048/USA-1128, TWLHD WLH K-014, WLOTA 1422, USi RI007S), Whale Rock (ARLHS USA-883, USi RI007S), Castle Hill (ARLHS USA-144, TWLHD WLH K-014, WLOTA 1422, USi RI007S). 1530-1730z Dutch

Island (ARLHS USA-250, TWLHD WLH K-051, WLOTA 3862, USi RI007S). 1830-2030z Gould Island (ARLHS USA-958, WLOTA 1359, USi RI-011S) OR Conanicut Island (ARLHS USA-185, TWLHD WLH K-040, WLOTA 1422, USi RI007S). All lighthouses are located in Newport county. (NOTE: These two may not be possible due to parking restrictions. If so, Jim will substitute the following: Plum Beach [ARLHS USA-604, Admiralty J0615 Washington county].) Frequencies: Because of the time restriction Jim will have to limit himself to 80, 40 and 20 metre SSB: 3875-3900, 7175-7200 kHz and 14260-14280 kHz respectively. In an effort to accomodate my New England and Canadian friends, he will start off at each location for a brief time on 80 meters, then work his way up. He can support 3 resonators on the mast so quick band changes are possible. QSL via home call (QRZ.com) or bureau. NO eQSLs !!! NO QRZ.com Logbook or LoTW. [KA3UNQ/QRZ.com]

06/12/2012: Renner, PY7RP plans to be active (10-40m) from Ilha Fernando de Noronha (SA-003, DIB OC-01, WFF PYFF-016, WLOTA 1208) as PY0FRP from 6-10 December 2012. QRV on 40-10 metres, using FT450D at 100 watts into 4ele OWA yagi and G5RV. He will also participate in the ARRL 10M Contest (8-9 December) as a Single-Op/Mixed-Mode/Low-Power entry, using the callsign PS0F. QSL both calls via home call (see QRZ.com). [DX World]

07/12/2012: Rick 'The Locust', K6VVA, plans activity from Berry Islands (NA-054, WLOTA 1903) as C6AVA between 7-11 December 2012. QRV primarily CW on 40/30/20/17m (some SSB). Rick may or may not operate in the 10m Contest depending on propagation at the time. TXRX: 200w TS-480HX (Plus TS-480HX #2 as Backup) ANT: Verticals. QSL only via N6AWD (Fred K Stenger, 6000 Hesketh Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93309 USA). If you QSL via the Bureau you MUST put 'VIA N6AWD' on the card!!! Further information and updates at: www.k6vva.com/iota/na054/ [DX World]

07/12/2012: Russell, G5XW, will once again be active as GM5XW from mainland Orkney (EU-009, IOSA OR01, SCOTIA 0I14, WLOTA 1652) between 7th-11th Dec 2012, no set times or frequencies. He will be touring the island, staying and operating with good friends. QSL direct only to G5XW. [rsgbiota]

07/12/2012: Berkin, TA3J, will be active as ON/TA3J from various locations in Belgium from 7-11 December 2012. QRV on 160-2 metre SSB and FM. QSL via his home callsign, bureau preferred. [OPDX Bulletin]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

08/12/2012: Ralph, H44RK, will be active as 5W0RK from Apia, Upolu Island (OC-097, WLOTA 1944), Samoa, between 8 December 2012 until 1 March 2013. QRV mainly on 20-10 metres, including some BPSK modes. QSL via NR6M, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NR6M]

08/12/2012: Steve, 9M6DXX, disappointed with the current poor conditions and high noise level at his home QTH, has booked two night's accommodation at a seaside hotel where he will be able to put up vertical antennas by the sea. Steve plans to be active (SSB only) as 9M6DXX (IOTA OC-088, WLOTA 0119) on 8 and 9 December 2012, using 400 watts to an 80m quarter-wave inverted-L with 50ft vertical section and feedpoint just inches above the sea at high tide. On 10m he will use a vertical dipole, again right on the ocean, and will participate part-time in the ARRL 10m Contest (Single Op, HP, SSB). On the other bands he will use a Butternut HF6V-X with 12/17m add-on kit, elevated about 15 feet above the sea. Steve will be checking 80m SSB around the greyline for Brazil, northern South America, the Caribbean and eastern USA and Canada around 1000 - 1050UTC and 2130 - 2215UTC on both days. He will also look for northern and western Europe on 80m SSB between 1500 and 1800UTC. If propagation is no good on 80m he

will try 40m instead. QSL 9M6DXX via M0URX: direct or bureau. You may also use M0URX's OQRS service (www.m0urx.com/oqrs), but since Steve is collecting cards for 5BDXCC he would prefer it if you sent your own QSL card to M0URX either direct or via the RSGB bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW within a few days of the operation. [Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

08/12/2012: John, AD8J and Doug, W3NO will be running M/S and signing V31NO from Placencia, Belize, in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest (8-9 December). QSL via W3NO. [NG3K]

17/12/2012: Chris, ZS6RI (ex-9J2RI), will be active from Lesotho as 7P8RI starting 17 December 2012 onwards, with a two week-on two week-off basis (similar to his 9J2RI activity). QSL via QRZ.com details. Blog: zs6ri.blogspot.co.uk/ [DX World]

10/02/2013: Drew, N2RFA, will be active as C6ABB from Cable Beach, Nassau [New Providence Island] (NA-001, WLOTA 1115), Bahamas, from 10-21 between February 2013. QRV on 80, 40, 20 and 17 metres. Drew will also be doing some digital work with PSK31, JT65, RTTY and possibly SSTV. QSL direct to N2RFA. All contacts will be uploaded to eQSL and LoTW. [DX World]

22/02/2013: Yuki JA3VWT, Kunio JA1CJA, Kita JA3IVU, and Jun JH3AEF will once again be active as XT2VWT, XT2CJA, XT2IVU and XT2AEF, respectively, from Ouaga, Burkina Faso, between 22 February and 2 March 2013. They will be QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns. [DX World]

23/04/2013: Hans, DL6JGN and Guenter, DL2AWG plan to be active from Nukunonu Atoll, Tokelau Islands (OC-048) as ZK3N between 23 April and 8 May 2013. QRV on CW, SSB and the Digital modes, using TS590 and Tokyo Hy Power Solid State PA; K3 and 500 W Solid State PA; AV640 and Tripel Leg for 10 to 40; GP for 80m. QSL via DL2AWG. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ZK3N [DX World]
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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/12/2012: Special callsigns OR200HC (QSL via ON3AIM) and OP200HC (QSL direct to ON2CYV) will be active on all bands and modes during the entire month of December 2012 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Belgian writer Hendrik Conscience. [425 DX News]

01/12/2012: Wakefield District Radio Society will be operating GB0IDD for the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities over the weekend of 1 to 3 December 2012 from the Wakefield 23rd Troop Scout HQ. The aim of the Day is to raise awareness and understanding of disability issues. Operation will be mainly on SSB on the 14 to 28MHz bands. QSL via eQSL.cc only. [GB2RS]

01/12/2012: The ISWL Club Callsigns in use throughout the month of December 2012 are:
GX4BJC /A - Operated from Bude, in Cornwall, by Mike - M0SMJ. (WAB Square = SS20 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA 1841).
MX1SWL /A - Operated from Hartford, in Cambridgeshire, by Tom - G3RPV. (/A WAB Square = TL27 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA 1841).
ALL QSL's will be handled by Herbie G6XOU and NOT the individual Operator.
The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.
I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.
Very best wishes to all, Pete Rayer, ISWL Life Vice President, Bournemouth, UK.
[Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

01/12/2012: From 1-15 December 2012, look for JeanPaul, F8BJI, to be active in RTTY till 250 bauds, Throb4 and Thor8, as TM101O (Tango Mike One Zero One Oscar). QSL via F8BJI. [F5NQL]

07/12/2012: Rodrigue, F8DFO and Jeremy, F4DVJ will be active as TM2VD on 7-12 December 2012 and 2-4 January 2013. They will operate CW, SSB and didgital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via F8DFO, direct or bureau. The special callsign is in memory of Robert Delrue (F3VD), who passed away in late August 2012 and was an mentor for many operators. [425 DX News]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

30/11-12/12 PJ5J: St. Eustatius Island LH-1851 QSL JA1HGY (d/B)
01/12-13/12 C6AGG: Grand Bahama Island LH-0527 QSL N2GG (d)
02/12-11/12 J6/KA9P: Sta. Lucia Island LH-1336 QSL H/c (d)
02/12-11/12 J6/N7QT: Sta. Lucia Island LH-1336 QSL H/c (d)
02/12-11/12 J6/W4VAB: Sta. Lucia Island LH-1336 QSL H/c (d)
02/12-11/12 J6/W5TDY: Sta. Lucia Island LH-1336 QSL H/c (d)
02/12-11/12 J6/W6ABM: Sta. Lucia Island LH-1336 QSL H/c (d)
02/12-11/12 J6/WB8ISG: Sta. Lucia Island LH-1336 QSL H/c (d)
02/12-11/12 J68FF: Sta. Lucia Island LH-1336 QSL W3FF (d)
02/12-11/12 J68UN: Sta. Lucia Island LH-1336 QSL N7UN (d)
03/12-12/2/13 EA8/IK1PMR: Isla de Tenerife LH-1276 QSL H/c (d/B)
03/12-12/2/13 EA8/PA3LEO: Isla de Tenerife LH-1276 QSL H/c (d/B)
06/12 KA3UNQ/P: Watch Hill USA-872 QSL H/c (d/B)
06/12 KA3UNQ/P: Point Judith USA-625 QSL H/c (d/B)
06/12-10/12 PY0FRP: Ilha Fernando de Noronha LH-1208 QSL PY7RP (d/OQRS)
07/12-11/12 C6AVA: Berry Islands LH-1903 QSL N6AWD (d/B)
07/12-11/12 GM5XW: Mainland Orkney LH-1652 QSL G5XW (d)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Sakonnet WLH:K-140 USA-718 LH-2782 QSL H/c (d/B)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Hog Isl WLH:K-077 USA-373 LH-1240 QSL H/c (d/B)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Musslebed Shoal USA-959 LH-1155 QSL H/c (d/B)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Bristol Ferry USA-087 QSL H/c (d/B)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Prudence Is WLH:K-144 USA-675 LH-2994 QSL H/c (d/B)

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6 METRES & UP -

01/12-02/12 ARRL EME Contest SO/MO/50-1296MHz 01 0000z-02 2359z
01/12-03/12 NZART V/U/SHF Field Day 50MHz & Up 01 0500z-03 0100z
02/12 RSGB 144MHz AFS Contest Single Op Fixed/Open 0900z-1700z
02/12-09/12 ZL9HR: Campbell Island Grid:RD47 50.107CW 50.145USB QSL EB7DX (d)
03/12-12/2/13 EA8/IK1PMR: Tenerife Isl AF-004 Grid:IL18 6m CW/SSB QSL H/c (d/B)
03/12-12/2/13 EA8/PA3LEO: Tenerife Isl AF-004 Grid:IL18 6m CW/SSB QSL H/c (d/B)
04/12 LY 144MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
04/12 NRAU 144MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
04/12 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
04/12-12/12 V63XG: Yap OC-012 Grid:PJ99 50.110CW 50.150USB QSL JA1XGI (d/B)
05/12 MOON Contest 144MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
07/12-11/12 ON/TA3J: Belgium - various locations 6/2m SSB/FM QSL H/c (B)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 28 November 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: 3XY1D, 5X1NH, 9L1NH, 9Q0HQ/6, A65BM, A71M, C5YK, FG4NN, FS/F5JSD, J79WI, KH2L, T70A, TI5/KI7Y, TJ3IC, V26K, VP6T, ZD7XF, ZD8D and ZX5SPM.

QSLs via Direct: 3D2C (OQRS), 3D2GC (LZ1GC), 4S7LSG (JH3LSS), 4S7NE (QRZ.com), 5T5BV (JA1PBV), 7O6T (UA3DX), D3AA (UA1QV), HB0/E77QJ (DJ8QJ), JA1NLX/VK4 [OC-160] (H/c), KH8/JA2ZL (H/c), RI1ANF (RK1PWA), TT8TT (I2YSB) and XX9THX (OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: 5U6E and PT0S.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

LU8XW/X - Redonda Island, SA-049
According to Shu JN6RZM, members of the Ushuaia Radio Club are planning an expedition to Redonda Island SA-049 for sometime in February 2013.
More details to follow.. [DX World

XT1T - Burkina Faso
UPDATE: Callsign will be XT1T
The Italian DXpediton Team have announced their next DXpedition will be to Burkina Faso for 15 days (all bands / all modes) between *February and March 2013.
Team: I1HJT, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT, IK2RZP, JA3USA.
*actual dates to be announced. [DX World
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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